

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The population of Eureka is 2,227. Abilene is clamoring for more school-houses.

A Wichita cigar dealer has ordered 100,000 cigars.

Meade county has between 2,000 and 3,000 inhabitants.

Ballton is the name of a new town in Dickinson county.

There are thirteen persons confined in the Wichita jail.

It is said that coal has been found near Sun City, Barber county.

Work has begun on the court house at Belleville, Republic county.

One firm at Dodge City will manufacture 600,000 brick this season.

A Quaker colony from Indiana may possibly locate in Russell county.

Work has been begun on a telephone line at Winfield and Wellington.

Eudora has decided to have a regular old-fashioned celebration on July 4th.

The safe of the Dodge City postoffice was relieved of \$500 by thieves the other day.

Counterfeit money is said to be in circulation at Fort Scott. They are principally dollar pieces.

The oldest Free Mason in Kansas is said to be Wm. Gardner, a resident of Yates Center. He is 89 years of age.

Company "B," 2nd regiment, K. N. G., was reorganized recently at Humboldt, and G. A. Nicoletts was elected captain.

Salem Argus, Jewell County: From thirty to forty loads of lumber have been arriving in Salem daily for several days past.

Atchison Globe: The cash collections in the police court last month amounted to \$1,031.90, the largest in the history of the city.

Glascow Sun: A young man named Kent, in the employ of Ben. French, was drowned while trying to cross Buffalo creek last week.

Sneak thieves entered the store of a clothing dealer at Nickerson, and secured booty to the extent of \$200 and all this in broad daylight.

It is a fact that an artisan well was obtained at Ellsworth, at a depth of 140 feet. It throws a stream fifteen feet above the ground.

The erection of a new hotel, to cost about \$30,000, is among the improvements contemplated the coming summer at Yates Center.

Manhattan Mercury: A first class tannery would be a paying industry in Manhattan. The number of hides shipped from Manhattan alone would be sufficient for quite a business.

Frank Beedle, while bathing in a creek near Republic City, Republic county, was drowned. All efforts were made to save him; one young man, Henry Davis being nearly drowned in the attempt.

Three young men at Emporia, in trying to test their skill as oarsmen, were overpowered by the strong current and carried over a dam, and only escaped death after a desperate struggle.

Col. Chapman, a man perfectly responsible, has offered to build a court house at Norton, worth \$10,000, if the county will deed him the block upon which the court house now stands.

Dodge City Times: The talk of the color of a horse controlling the price, only holds good where match teams are wanted; a good fat fine looking horse will sell in any market, no matter what his color is.

Dodge City Globe: Who ever saw finer grass than our ranges are now covered with, and in less than thirty days it will be said, who ever saw fatter range cattle? That's why the range men are smiling.

Fort Scott Herald: The county clerk has finished his valuation of personal property, subject to taxation in the city, amounting to \$414,194; exemptions in city, \$14,800, and exemptions in county, \$400,000.

Phillipsburg Herald: Earnest E. Milks, a little lad about 11 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Milks, who live about nine miles east of this place, was walking in a little garden, that he had planted, when a bolt of lightning struck him, killing him instantly.

Sedan Journal: We hear that some farms have been benefited by the high water notably, that of J. W. DeCon on Wolf Creek. The back water from Canoe carried up and left a deposit which filled several hard pan sinks. One man estimates the improvement to his farm by this agency at one thousand dollars.

Arthur Martin, living four miles and a half from Hays City, committed suicide a few days ago by taking strychnine. In a letter which he left he stated he had tried the strychnine on the cat first and that the reason he took this method of ending his existence was because he was tired of living.

Cherokee Sentinel: Wm. North, while riding over his farm on a mule one day this week rode upon a bumble bee's nest; the bees soon surrounded both the rider and mule. The mule seeing that his master was about to be stung, threw him high out of range of the bees and then ran for the stable taking the bees along.

A sad accident occurred at Manhattan a few days ago. Willie, the 5-year-old son of John E. Hassan, county attorney, was found in his father's stable with his skull crushed, apparently by the kick of an old family horse. The lad lived twelve hours, but was unconscious. Mrs. Hassan is much prostrated by the terrible shock.

Concordia Empire: On Tuesday last the private chest of Mr. Isaac Phillips, near Christie, was broken open with an ax, and robbed of about \$2,500 in money and valuable papers. Mr. Phillips had at work for him an Irish lad, about 17 years old, brought in last fall by the Orphans' Aid Society of New York, who, it is believed, committed the robbery, as both the boy and money are missing.

Robt Broadus shot and severely wounded Frank Jobson at Leavenworth a few days ago. The trouble seemed to be over a woman. Jobson, the wounded man, will recover. Immediately after committing the deed Broadus rode to his farm five miles distant and instantly killed himself by discharging a revolver, the ball of which passed through his heart.

Leavenworth Standard: Mrs. C. R. Jennison has just erected in Mount Zion cemetery a very handsome monument to perpetuate the memory of her husband, the late Col. C. R. Jennison. It is about fifteen feet high and on the west side of the base is the word "Jennison," in large letters. On the east side are the dates of his birth and death, and under it "Gone but not Forgotten."

The members of the special committee of the United States senate appointed to inquire into the affairs at the Indian territory, together with the "sergeant at arms," secretaries, messengers and attendants arrived at Wichita a few days ago. They immediately departed for the territory by the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. S. L. Dawess, of Massachusetts, and daughter, Miss Anna Dawess; Hon. J. T. Morgan, of Alabama.

A new scheme of robbery has been invented at Fort Scott. An engineer on the Fort Scott and Gulf Road awakened the other day in time to find a man fishing his coat and vest out of his room from a window by means of a fish line and tackle. Truly the ways of the robber are numerous and many. In this instance the greed of the man to get everything in sight was his ruin for he was captured in taking the last portable article in the room.

Yesterday a lad of three years, named Harry Gimlin, entered the residence of Ora Sisco, at Augusta, Butler county, while the folk were all away except a boy of about his own age. Young Gimlin filled two lamps with gasoline and set them on fire. They exploded and the flames spread through the house. The boys then cleared out and the house was burned. The fire spread so rapidly that but little could be saved, so that almost the entire contents were destroyed. The loss probably amounts to \$3,000.

Medicine Lodge Index: The latest wrinkle on proving up claims, so that one person can get two claims, is reported from the northern part of this county. A party who had already proved up on his claim, took a fancy to one adjoining his, and on this he put a building and established his wife, announcing that he had separated from her and that he had secured a divorce. A married woman cannot prove up a claim; but a divorced or single woman can. It is probable that this avaricious couple would really go through the formality of a divorce to secure a claim and then re-marry after the final proof has been made. This is one way of securing land, but a system that should not be encouraged.

There are sixty national banks in Kansas having an aggregate capital of \$4,000,000, and an outstanding circulation of \$1,505,249. Their surplus fund amounts to \$439,839.39, and the undivided profits to \$462,377.73. The individual deposits reach the sum of \$8,362,363.56. The total liabilities are \$15,493,256.65. As to loans and discounts, the banks have out \$8,598,477.23. They have bonds deposited in the treasury to secure their circulation to the amount of \$1,457,250. The value of the real estate held by them is \$465,958.22. As to cash on hand, they have the following amounts: Bills of other banks, \$486,036; fractional currency, \$4,856.94; specie, \$626,080; legal tender notes, 948.91.

KANSAS FARMING.

Noteworthy Incidents Among the Farmers of the State.

The Howard Courier reports blue grass sixty-two inches high.

Corn that was planted at Osawatimie before the heavy rains, will nearly all have to be replanted.

Lenora Leader: Farmers are about through planting corn and from what we can learn very little will have to be replanted.

Phillipsburg Herald: Clyde Bickford set a hen sometime ago with eggs of a prairie chicken and has now nearly a dozen real live prairie chickens.

Kingman Leader: The largest yield of corn last year that we have heard of, was on the farm of Joseph Nichols, in the fertile Chickasaw bottoms. Mr. Nichols raised 2,920 bushels of corn on forty acres, being an average yield of 73 bushels to the acre. Who can beat that in Kansas or any other State?

Some wheat fields in Johnson county will yield as much this as last year—about twenty-two bushels per acre. But the general prospect is poor. It can be attributed to cold weather and Hessian fly. The complaint is also made that much of the corn which has been used this Spring for seeding in this county is not good.

El Dorado Republican: The wheat crop has gone up. What the cold weather left is being taken by the Hessian fly and what is left by the fly is being smothered by the weeds or is turning to cheat. Some of the fields which promised fifteen or twenty bushels a few days ago are now being plowed up. We are to have no wheat to speak of in this county this year. We speak by authority.

Independence Star and Kansas: For a few days now only ten weeks, the soil of this section of Kansas has been constantly saturated, and so much that for a great deal of the time it was difficult to plow. No climatic characteristic could find wider of the mark than the term "dronthy" as applied to our section. Indeed, excessive moisture has done far more damage than the lack of rain, since we have known anything about Southeastern Kansas.

Newton Republican: Mr. I. Horner, the silk man, is enthusiastically working to get the people of this part of the State interested in silk culture. We learned from him that a project is now on foot to secure an organization among Russian Mennonites in this part of the State to further the interest. He has the promise of government recs that will probably be operated this season in the vicinity of Newton.

Wichita Eagle: Every farmer in this valley knows the advantage of early planted corn, that the latter part of May and first half of June are generally wet, but many get left every year. Owing to a backward Spring, an unusual number of farmers failed to get their ground prepared and corn in, and now guess we are correct in saying that from 5 to 10 per cent of the fields are yet unplanted. We were shown yesterday some specimen stalks of corn of a forty acre field which measured from two feet six inches to two feet nine inches high, dark green and growing rapidly.

Striking employees of the Kentucky Central railroad have become riotous at Covington.

STOCK SQUIDS.

Points and Items about Kansas Stock.

Burton Monitor: We give it as our opinion that the spring crop of pigs is short throughout the State.

Dodge City Globe: There is a desire on the part of cattle owners, foremen and bosses, to stop the rough handling of cattle on the ranges, and the desire has been impressed on the minds of the cowboys to that extent, that favorable results are to follow.

Three valuable horses were killed at Hutchinson in one week because of being injured by runaway teams.

Columbus Courier: The owners of the full-blood Clydesdale stallion, Jack Jr., owned in this city, have just refused an offer of \$2,000 for him.

Caldwell Journal: Mr. Adams of San Antonio, Texas, arrived at the quarantine grounds Friday, with 300 head of stock horses. He reports a good safe drive this Spring with but very light trail losses.

Dodge City Cowboy: The winter red cattle, what there is left of them, are being crowded into market and the demand will soon be for range stock, which will land on the market in shape to command good prices. Our cattlemen have had a hard winter, and the favorable outlook for them at the present time naturally puts them in excellent spirits.

Louisville Republican: J. W. Arnold is shearing his sheep this week. They will average eight pounds of wool per head; at 20 cents per pound each fleece will bring \$1.60, and a flock of 1,000 will augment \$1,600. This, probably, is a high estimate on the price of wool, but reducing it to 15 cents per pound and the augmentation will reach \$1,200.

Dodge City Globe: The breeders of Jersey cows claim to know more about raising calves than nature. Now they say that the milk of a Jersey cow is too rich for a calf to take from a cow, and for the calf to do well, the cow should be milked and the milk stand until the cream rises and is skimmed when the calf can be fed on the skim milk. Nature has made but few mistakes, and this may be one of them, but we doubt it.

The following stock notes are taken from the Dodge City Cowboy:—There is an unusually heavy calf crop on our ranges this Spring. The roundup is progressing very satisfactory, and owners of cattle are very much encouraged, in finding that their losses last winter are much less than they expected. The market will be overstocked with horses, judging from the large herds on the way to Dodge from the Territory.

Wichita Beacon: "Blood will tell," when it comes to breeding fine stock. The farmers who have grown discouraged from fruitless efforts with scrub stock might profit by the knowledge that Messrs. Stewart & Boyle, of this city, breeders of Poland China hogs, sold about \$3,000 worth of fine bred hogs in the last year. They sold two little shoats this week for \$55, and will have two hundred thoroughbred hogs for sale this Summer and Fall, and these will in time do a great deal to "root out" the rural ruts.

Iola Register: Mr. H. F. Travis of Elm township, informed us the other day that he had just completed a seven day milking test of one of his Jersey cows, and the result was 137 3/8 pounds of milk, or a daily average of 19 5/8 pounds. On a similar test the celebrated Holyoke, Mass. cow yielded only 18 1/2 pounds daily, so that, as usual, Kansas leads the procession. And it should be remembered, too, that the Kansas cow made this extraordinary record on prairie grass alone, and with no other attention than was given the rest of the cattle.

WOMEN'S WORK.

What the Ladies of the State are Doing and Items of Interest to Them.

Burlington Independent: The Ladies' Missionary Association has recently quite an addition to its membership. The ladies held meetings for work quite regularly.

Columbus Courier: A young lady of the fourth ward swore out a warrant for seduction against a young man of the city, in Justice Johnson's court, the other day. The parties are both highly connected and have heretofore moved in good society.

The Abilene Reflector gives a lady the following notice in speaking of county politics: Miss Alice Junken, who makes an excellent officer, will, in his probability, be elected as Register without opposition. Speaking authoritatively, the Reflector believes that the Democratic convention will make no nomination against her.

Wichita Eagle: Nellie Bailey is canvassing the city of Wichita in person for the sale of her life, because this was the scene of her trial and her long and tedious confinement. In eleven hours' work she secured one hundred and thirty-six subscribers, among them we note nearly all the leading business and professional men of the city.

Osborne Farmer: A day or two ago Mr. H. H. Powers, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Flynn, attempted to ford Dry creek with a light buggy. In crossing the vehicle was upset by the raging waters and the occupants thrown into the stream. Mr. Powers was dragged out safely by the team, the lines being wound around his hands, but both ladies were swept away and drowned before he could make any effort to rescue them. The body of Mrs. Flynn was recovered the next day, but that of Mrs. Powers was not found until three days after.

Burr Oak Herald: We have heard of a young girl in Jewell county who has lately become a mother. A young man gained her affections, and under promise of marriage accomplished his purpose. The girl is said to be not over fifteen and a year ago was an innocent confiding child, now she wants to die, and has, according to the popular degree, a sorrowful life before her; shut out from society, scorned by the world and only her parent's love and home between her and a life of shame. Go it while you're young.

Giard Press: Miss Lenora Padfield, of Sheridan township, a young lady who was esteemed by everybody, and who is handsome and well educated, was arrested last week on a charge of grand larceny. The complaint is made by Mrs. Julia Bland, some relative of hers, that she stole \$210 from her. The hearing

was continued until May 25, when the case will come up before Justice Crawford, of this city. She gave bonds in the sum of \$500 for her appearance at that time. It is reported that she expended the money to buy a wedding tressure, being the fiancé of a young man in Girard.

CHURCHES.

Various Items Concerning Them.

A new Congregational church has been established at Leona, Brown county.

A Baptist church has been organized at Coldwater, Comanche county, with a membership of five.

The Methodist church of Severy was dedicated a few days ago by Rev. Allen Buckner. The cost of the edifice was \$1,760.

Sedgwick City Pantagraph: The board of trustees of the Congregational church have decided to go ahead with the new church.

Chanute Times: Improvements have been commenced on the Presbyterian church building. It is contemplated to expend some \$350 in this direction.

Anthony Republican: The Baptists of this place are making arrangements to erect a very fine church edifice. The building will be of brick and in modern style. It is to cost something near \$6,000 and will be an ornament to our city.

Manhattan Mercury: The members of the Congregational church at Linwood have recently built a very comfortable parsonage for their pastor, but in doing so have incurred an indebtedness that unless paid the property will have to go to sale.

The Conference Board of the Church Extension Society, for the Southern Kansas Conference, met at Chanute the other day. Applications for aid in building nine new churches, within the bounds of the conference, were considered.

Wichita Eagle: Rev. Joel Harper, the pastor of the Congregational church, is now waiting upon citizens for such amounts as they feel like subscribing to a church building for that denomination. We hope he may succeed in raising such an amount as will enable him to build such a church as will prove an ornament to our city.

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church of North America has been in session at Topeka for some time past. This is the highest court of that church and so it all matters of importance are referred for final arbitration. Numerous matters came before the assembly for settlement but as they are not of general importance they will not be enumerated. There was about 300 delegates present representing states as far east as Vermont, south as far as Tennessee, and west as far as the Pacific Ocean. Dr. Johnson, of the College Springs Presbytery, was elected Moderator. Among other questions coming up before the assembly was as to whether or no instrumental music in the church worship should be declared illegal. A large party in the church are opposed to the use of the instrument and it was this party that wished it declared illegal. But the sentiment of the assembly was against it and the matter was left to the various churches, they not to act in any that would injure the feelings of a brother member. The next important matter discussed was relative to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. The assembly finally decided that while they were in sympathy with the objects and aims of this society, it was a secret organization and rather inconsistent with an article of their church Testimony and they would therefore recommend that members of the church stand aloof from this and similar organizations. Appropriations were made to the various boards of the church, including the Board of Home Foreign and Freedmen's missions; the Board of Church Extension, of Ministerial Relief and of Publication. All reports were to the effect that the various boards had done excellent work in the past year, and that the church was in a healthy and growing condition. National and State prohibition and the W. C. T. U. were endorsed by the assembly and the work of prohibition particularly commended.

SURRENDERING HIS PENSION.

A Man who Said he Thought the Government had Done Enough for Him.

Washington June 7.—A good-looking, well-built man came with the crowd of callers at the Pension Office this morning and entered the room of the first Deputy Commissioner McLean. When his turn for an interview was reached he asked the deputy to be allowed to see the Commissioner.

"The Commissioner is busy, sir. If you wish to see about a claim or to secure an appointment we can attend to the matter here."

"I want to have my pension stopped," The Deputy Commissioner looked at the man, then at his papers, then at the man again, and finally touched his bell button, and sent a message for the record.

"Have you considered this step sufficiently, sir?" asked the Deputy. "You are, I see receiving \$70 a month—nearly \$1,000 a year."

"Yes, I have considered it. The Government has done enough for me. I want to give it up."

"Have you an abundance of means?" "No. But I have enough for comfort."

"Well, I guess you had better see the Commissioner."

Col. McLean thereupon introduced the visitor to the Commissioner. After everything on the hit or miss, heads or tails plan. The wear and tear of these hard-working, rapid youngsters is fearful. The average business man in New York takes twenty drinks of whiskey a day and smokes fifteen cigars. Nobody can stand this. The young New Yorkers don't stand it. They go down in regiments and squares. But, like the Old Guard, they die, but never surrender. If a man pulls through it all, he is old at the age of 40, and retires to take a permanent rest. One result of this unnatural life is the product of a race of pigmies. New York is famous for its young men of small stature and light weight. This comes from excess of all kinds. It is not so with the young women. The girls who do not smoke, drink and dissipate are large and well built, bright-eyed and rosy-cheeked. They will have to take husbands from the country. The spider-legged dudes around them are not fit for their mates. If we escape a deluge or a revolution the next generation will be a gawky one—a sort of feeble show, as it were.

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